

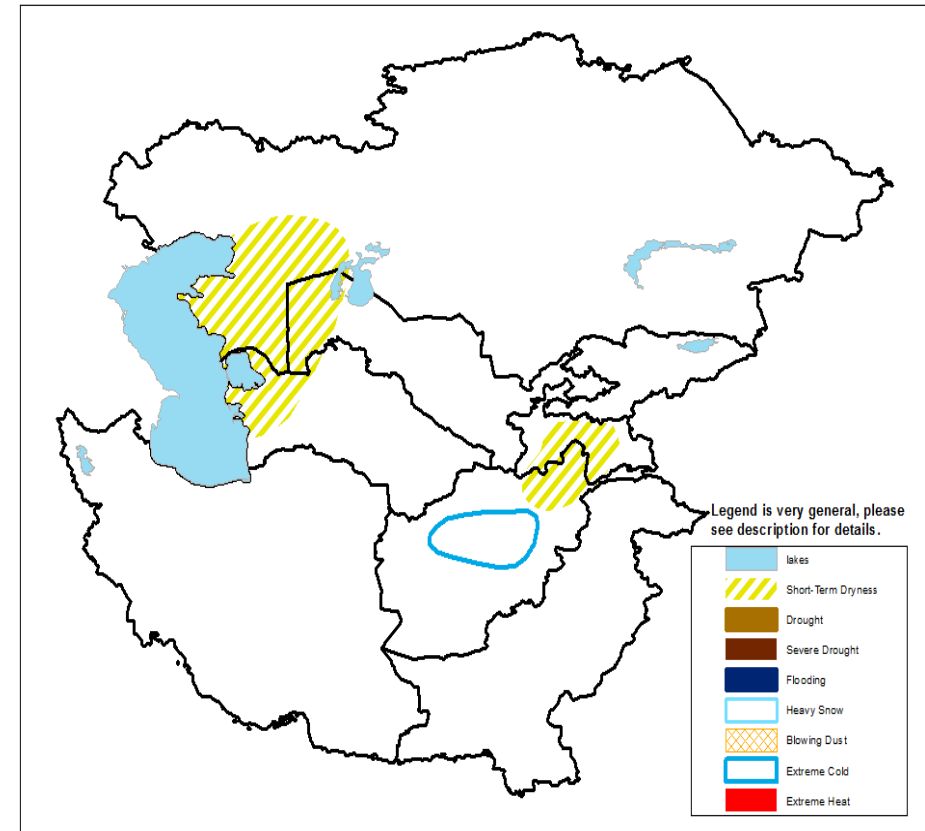
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 16 – 22, 2013

Temperatures:

During early January, temperatures returned to near normal across Central Asia except the higher elevations of central and northeastern Afghanistan and eastern Tajikistan, where large (< -8 degrees Celsius) negative temperature anomalies persisted. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average above normal across the northern parts of Central Asia but below normal over the central highlands of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During early January, precipitation averaged below normal across much of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, with the largest anomalies in northeastern Afghanistan and western Tajikistan. Despite a slight increase in precipitation during the past week, snow water equivalent remain below-average over basins of northeastern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. During the next week, dry weather is forecast over Central Asia, which could further increase seasonal deficits over the dry portions of the region.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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